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*BISMARCK, ND – In late December 2016 and again in early January 2017, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department released photos and video of two separate incidents that indicated illegal possession or killing of deer, in or near the main protest camp on the north side of the Cannonball River in southeastern Morton County, ND. Robert Timian, chief of enforcement for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, references these releases in his subsequent responses.*

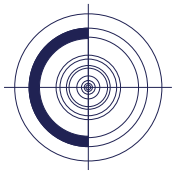
***Robert Timian, Chief of Enforcement, North Dakota Game and Fish Department***

"On three separate instances we've had somebody from the public, who is obviously down in the camp, send us still photos of what appeared to be possibly illegally taken or possessed deer. And we put those out on a public release to see if we could find somebody that knew more about it, and in one case if they could help us identify individuals in the picture. The response was very good, and we are following up on some leads on that."

***Robert Timian, Chief of Enforcement, North Dakota Game and Fish Department***

"We have received some leads at this point in time, which we are following up on, and we also have received additional information on a couple of other incidents which occurred on the reservation, which we have turned that over to Standing Rock Game and Fish officials for their investigations."

"The public has been helpful, we're hoping the public continues to help us with identifying and coming forward and identifying the individuals involved, and anybody who was there, to help fill in the picture, fill in the evidentiary part, and if they know of other incidences, we're hoping they contact us, we follow up on all of it."



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"We've had poaching in North Dakota before this, and we'll have it after and we'll have it during, which is not related (to the protest camps), but in some of these cases which we're talking about now, it appears that it is related to the protest camp, and some of the individuals in those camps, or associated with those camps."

Sources: North Dakota Game and Fish Department